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It is my understanding that Section III.A.2. of the proposed settlement allows Microsoft to "punish" OEM's who ship a computer with anything other than the Windows operating system. The effect of this sort of behavior is evident in the fearful behavior of IBM when it was trying to establish OS/2 as an alternative to Windows at the same time that it wanted to offer Windows to those who chose it.

The upshot of this, in my case, is that on two of the last three computers I purchased, I was forced to purchase Microsoft Windows, an operating system I never put into use on those those copmuters (except, of course, the first time I turned the computers on).

In short, the apparently weak settlement proposal from my Department of Justice does nothing to address the manner in which Microsoft's monopolistic behavior has damaged me.

Thank you very much.

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